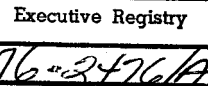


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Honorable Lee H. Hamilton, Chairman
Special Subcommittee on Investigations
Committee on International Relations
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Lee:

This is in response to your letter of June 7, 1976 with respect to three Americans about to stand trial in Angola. It is our understanding that the three persons being reported as American citizens are Daniel Gearhart, Gary Acker, and Gustavo Marcello Grillo. It is also our understanding that Mr. Grillo is actually a resident alien rather than a U.S. citizen.

We have reviewed Agency files and I am advised that there is no record that these individuals now have or ever had any connection with the Central Intelligence Agency.

Sincerely,


George Bush
Director

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Mr. George H. Bush
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Bush:

Congressman Don Bonker, a Member of the Subcommittee, has brought to my attention allegations of possible American involvement in supporting mercenaries in Angola subsequent to Congressional actions cutting off covert aid to that country in January 1976. It is my understanding that three Americans, who were reportedly recruited here to serve there, are expected to stand trial in early June in Angola.

I would like to know whether the Americans set to stand trial in Angola have or had any connections with the Central Intelligence Agency.

I appreciate your early attention to this matter.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Lee H. Hamilton
Chairman, Special Subcommittee
on Investigations

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